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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

SCHWEITZER et al.

Serial No.: 09/910,469

Filed: July 19, 2001

For: SORTING AND IMMOBILIZATION

SYSTEM FOR NUCLEIC ACIDS USING SYNTHETIC BINDING

SYSTEMS

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Betty J. Forman

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

- 1. This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a total period of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, in the above patent application.
- 2. An Amendment and Response, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, form PTO-1449 and copies of 2 references cited therein; copies of 42 references originally cited on Information Disclosure Statement submitted April 8, 2002, in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested are filed herewith.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3. Fees for claims:

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims	No. Previously Paid For		Claims Remaining		No. to be Paid For		Large Entity Fee	Additional Fee Due
Total	325	-	98	=	0_	X	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent	5	-	2	=	0	X	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent	0 (if applicable) \$290.00							\$0.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS								\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28.								\$0.00
TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HEREWITH								\$0.00

- 4. The fee for the two-month extension of time for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.17(a)(3) is \$420.00. The fee for filing the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is \$180.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$600.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-2862 for the above fee(s). A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed for processing purposes.
- 5. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2862.

Respectfully submitted,

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